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latter and angers them all the more. The play-groups cut across the boundaries of family and caste and include boys and girls from different castes. This necessitates the giving of instruction to them by the elders, who explain the hierarchy of the caste system and indicate clearly the groups among whom participation in eating on a basis of equality is permitted. Rules of inter-dining and untouchability are enforced at the age of six or seven; although until the age of adolescence their breaches are not very strictly punished. At the age of six or seven boys and girls come to have their separate play-groups, although their occasional playing together is not prohibited. Sex knowledge and sex experience of the children widens considerably, partly through secretly watching and imitating the elders, partly through oral instruction by older members of the play-group. Masturbation is now stealthily practised. Elders do not take an indulgent view if they find grown-up boys manipulating and rubbing their penes. Ridicule and threats are often employed to cure the habit. The threats commonly given are: 'If you persist in this habit your organ will not grow'; or that 'It will become crooked and you will be useless.' Threats of exposure cause great shame among the boys. Nevertheless, knowledge acquired from older and more experienced members of the age-group indicates that 'the penis grows larger by the practice of masturbation', 'maturity is arrived at earlier' and 'boys not doing it are not tough—they are half-girls', and consequently boys continue to masturbate secretly. A small group of boys may occasionally have a session of joint masturbation. Mutual masturbation is known, though it is less frequent. Similarly, little boys lie down together and imitate the coital act, although this does not involve actual anal penetration. Homosexuality is said to be confined to young people and boys with urban contacts; but we have reason to believe that it is practised on a limited scale by others also. However, it is confined only to pre-adolescent and adolescent groups. A boy persuades a smaller boy to lie down with him, and just rubs his organ at his anus—only in very rare cases is any anal penetration effected. A popular game with the boys is to make a female figure in dust and play at copulation. In the three instances observed by us the imitation was perfect, and resembled normal coitus in all its essentials. Boys and girls play at marriage, which in a few cases culminates in the act of 'sleeping together'. In most cases this is just lying together and no more; in a few it reaches the